COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE)
FUEL PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF) CASE NO. 9631
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY)

ORDER

On October 2, 1987, Energy and Resource Consultants, Inc. ("ERC"), entered into an agreement with the Commission to conduct an independent evaluation of the prudence of the fuel procurement practices of Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") for the Ghent generating station over the period from 1973 through 1987. Subsequent to receiving this assignment, ERC was merged into RCG/Hagler, Bailly, Inc. ("Hagler, Bailly"). On August 17, 1988, Hagler, Bailly submitted to the Commission their final report, attached hereto, summarizing their investigation and presenting their findings.

In its July 10, 1986 Order establishing this case, the Commission noted that, subsequent to the submission of the consultant's report, a hearing would be scheduled to allow all parties the opportunity to present testimony and cross-examine the consultant and all other witnesses.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that an informal conference should be held for the purpose of discussing a procedural schedule for information requests, prefiling testimony, and a public hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- (1) Hagler, Bailly's final report is hereby presented to all parties for their review.
- (2) An informal conference is scheduled for August 30, 1988 beginning at 9:30 A.M. at the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of August, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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